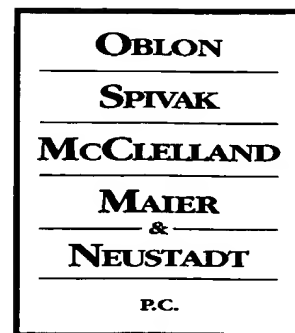




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Responsive to the Official Action mailed January 3, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the entire paragraph at page 6, lines 15-43 with the following:

1 *1bD* The monomers are subjected to free radical polymerization according to the invention, i.e. polymerization inhibitors which form free radicals under the polymerization conditions are used. Suitable compounds of this type are, for example, hydrogen peroxide, peroxides, hydroperoxides, redox catalysts and nonoxidizing initiators, such as azocompounds which decompose into free radicals under the polymerization conditions. Such azocompounds are, for example, 2,2'-azobis(2-amidinopropane) dihydrochloride, 2,2'-